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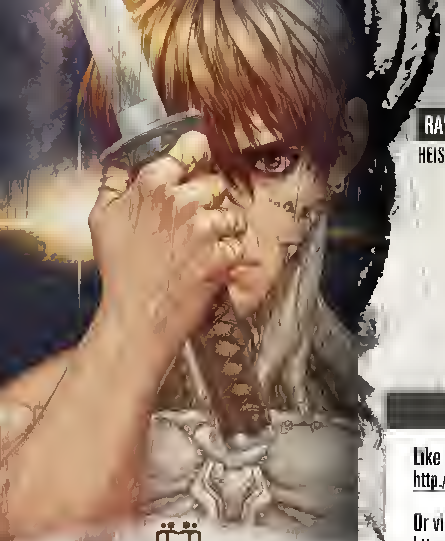
PLUNK
IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME IN MY ROOM, ISN'T IT?
ゴオオオ
THERE'S SOME-THING...
WEIRD HERE.



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FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING.

THE BATTLE-FRENZIED VOLUME 2 WILL BE ON SALE ON APRIL 6TH. VOLUME 1 WILL BE RE-PRINTED AS WELL!

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Anno Radix 0023: That's What a Human Is.

STORY SO FAR:

前回まで

冒頭にことオリジンは、人間社会に隠れ住もロボットである。オリジンの兄弟ロボット「長」の命令で オク電子の山田専務がAEEの重事ロボットを強奪した事件から２週間か経過。上層部に事件の分析を命しられたAEEロボット研究所の崔リーダーは「現場に人間型ロボットがいて 重事ロボットを破壊した」という可能性に触れ ラウラ・フェルミに京都のAEE人工知能研究所への出張を命じる。フェルミはオリジン それに広瀬マイも出張に同行させることにした――

ゴオオオオ
SHE'S NOT THE USUAL FERMI-SAMA.
SHES STRANGE
IT'S EVEN TOO EASY TO UNDER-STAND..
...AND PREDICT.
HER BREATH ...
AND HER SKIN TEM-PERATURE CHANGED, TOO.
HER FIRM EYES THAT MADE ME DOUBT WHETHER SHE WAS EVEN HUMAN..
THEY ARE NOW TREMBLING. HER PUPILS ARE DILATED.

IT'S ALSO EASY TO GRASP THE RIGHT TIME TO TALK.
SO YOU LIVE IN THIS HOTEL?
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO AS FAR AS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE
NOT IN JAPAN, AT LEAST
I HAVE A HIGH SALARY AND NOTHING TO SPEND IT ON, ANYWAY.
THIS ROBOT...
DID YOU BUILD IT BY YOURSELF?
YES...
I RESEARCHED HUMANLIKE ROBOTS FOR MY DOCTOR'S COURSE
IN THE END I FAILED, THOUGH
ONLY THIS INCOMPLETE MODEL REMAINED ... AND I BECAME A MEDIOCRE ROBOT DEVELOPER

I HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
FERMI-SAMA WAS A HUMAN-LIKE ROBOT SPECIALIST?
MY FATHER SUCCEEDED, THOUGH.
FERMI-SAMA.
MAKING HUMANLIKE ROBOTS WAS HARDER THAN I EXPECTED
IF THE APPEARANCE IS FAITHFUL TO THE ORIGINAL, THE DIFFERENCES STAND OUT ONCE IT STARTS MOVING
IF YOU PRIORITIZE THE MOVEMENTS, ITS APPERANCES LOSES ITS HUMANLIKE FEATURES
VOCAL CHORDS, BLOOD VESSELS, BODY TEMPERATURE...
SEXUAL ORGANS
I CONCLUDED THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY AND GAVE UP
MY ENTIRE LIFE IS A SERIES OF FAILURES
PEOPLE CALL ME "COLDER AND MORE ROBOT-LIKE THAN A ROBOT" BEHIND MY BACK—
AND EVEN THE MAN WHO CHOSE ROBOTS, RATHER THAN HUMANS, DISCARDED ME...
BUT...
JIN...

W-WHAT DO YOU THINK...?
AT LEAST, AS A WOMAN...
ALLOW ME TO CUT YOU DOWN.
FERMI-SAMA.
I HAVE TO HURT YOU.
YOU'RE JUST LONELY

I CANNOT BECOME CLOSER TO ANYONE.
FERMI-SAMA, I HAVE TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN US, TOO.
DON'T DO SOMETHING YOU'LL LATER REGRET.
EVEN IF YOU'RE LONELY, YOU MUST OVER-COME IT BY YOURSELF.

WHY SAY SOMETHING SO CRUEL...?
YOU AREN'T LONELY, JIN?

HAVE EMOTIONS.
I STILL DON'T...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
I DON'T FEEL LONELI-NESS... IN THIS SITUATION SO...
ALL HUMANS ARE LONELY!!
THEY'RE HUMANS BECAUSE THEY KEEP LIVING WITH THEIR LONELINESS ...!!!

IF, ONE DAY, I WILL FEEL LONELY...
I WILL PROBABLY REGRET TALKING LIKE THIS TO YOU TODAY
AND SO, FERMI-SAMA
EVEN IF YOU FEEL LONELY,
PLEASE DON'T SUFFER SO MUCH!

IT SEEMS THEY CALLED YOU "MORE ROBOT-LIKE THAN A ROBOT", BUT...
AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, YOU ARE VERY HUMAN
AT LEAST, MORE HUMAN THAN ME
A LONG TIME AGO...
WHEN I WAS SPENDING MY CHILDHOOD IN HOKKAIDO...
MY FATHER SAID THIS...
YES...

FATHER ENDURED MANY THINGS, THUS...
HE COULD CREATE ME AND MY SIBLINGS BECAUSE HE ENDURED UNTIL THE END.
"LIFE SOMETIMES MEANS TO ENDURE"...

I, TOO,
WILL ENDURE
MY PART WHILE
LIVING AMONG
HUMANS.

PROBABLY,
FATHER'S WORDS. "LIVE PROPERLY"...
ALSO INCLUDED THE MEANING. "ENDURE PROUDLY".

I SEE WE WILL NOT TALK ABOUT WORK
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.

ORIGAMI...
THAT COULD WORK.
I'D BET! YOU MADE YOUR FACE LIKE THAT ON PURPOSE, HUH?
FOR SOME REASON, YOU'RE POPULAR WITH HUMAN FEMALES, HUH?
PHEW!
MAI-CHAN EVEN SENT YOU THAT ORIGAMI LETTER!
YOU'VE TOLD SOME PRETTY DUMB STUFF, YOU KNOW!!
WAS IT OK TO SAY ALL THAT RISKY STUFF TO A HUMAN-LIKE ROBOT EXPERT??
YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T HURT HER TOO MUCH!
I UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH, THERE WASN'T ANOTHER WAY!

IT'S WORKING!
HHSSS
HHSSS
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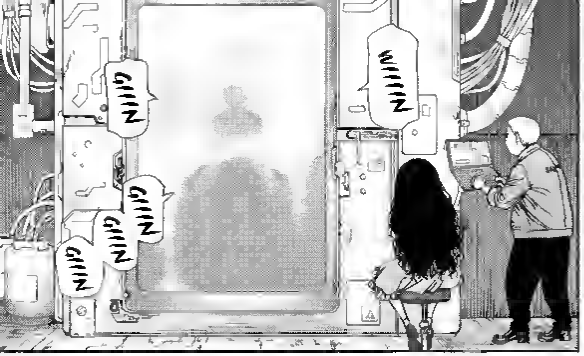
I HAVE 5 DAYS AND NIGHTS TILL THE BUSINESS TRIP.
I HAVE TO BE READY BEFORE WE LEAVE.
I FOUND A WAY
THIS IS GOING TO KEEP ME BUSY.

HE ALSO BROUGHT SEVERAL PRODUCTS BUILT WITH REVOLUTIONARY NEW TECHNOLOGIES.
OKU電子
HE EVEN BROUGHT AI-CHAN WITH HIM...
AND, AS IF NOTHING HAD EVER HAPPENED,
OKU ELECTRONICS' MANAGER, YAMADA, VISITED AEE.
THE DAY BEFORE THE BUSINESS TRIP.

OOH...
EHM... EHEHE...
I'D LIKE TO INQUIRE SOMETHING...
?
IN THE AEE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LABORATORY, RIGHT?
THERE'S AN INCREDIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
I'M BULLYING HIM WITH MOUNTAINS OF WORK TO DO!
OH, I SEE...
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE MAN WHO WAS WITH YOU LAST TIME...?
OH, HIM.
HAHA, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
MY, YOU BELIEVE INTERNET RUMORS LIKE THAT? WHERE'S YOUR PRIDE AS A PROFES-SIONAL?

OKU千子
OKU千子
WAS IT SO NECESSARY TO MEET LAURA FERMI?
HEY YOU!!
THIS IS ALL TO HELP YOU REALIZE YOUR PLAN!!
GOOD THING I WENT.
KEH KEH KEH!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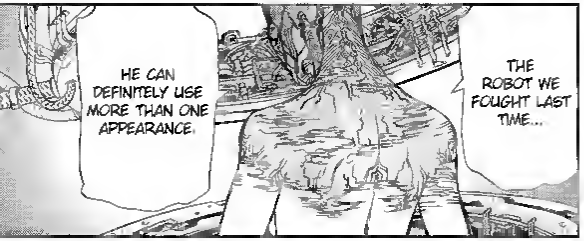
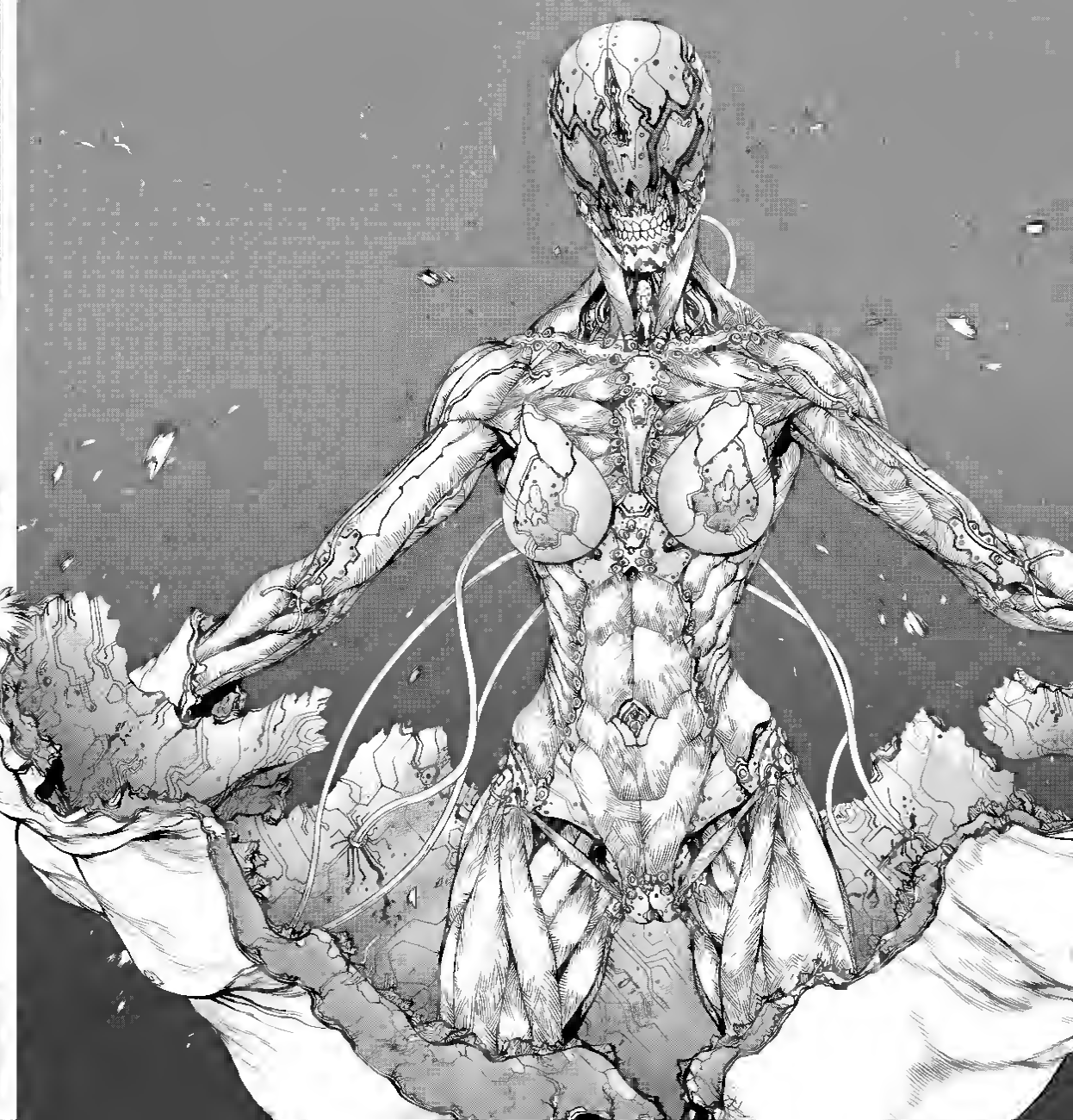

HE CAN DEFINITELY USE MORE THAN ONE APPEARANCE.
THE ROBOT WE FOUGHT LAST TIME...

AND I COULD CONFIRM IT.
I TRIED DOING THE SAME THING...
IT'S QUITE EFFEC-TIVE.



SON, THE ENEMY ROBOT, HEADS TO THE AEE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LAB IN KYOTO!
THE AEE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LABORATORY HAS THE ANSWERS WE SEEK
KEH KEH KEH..
THE ANSWERS NEEDED TO UPGRADE THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR ARTIFICIAL BRAINS...
NEXT ISSUE WE'RE ON BREAK. THE TENSE "BUSINESS TRIP ARC" STARTS IN ISSUE #20!